

HOW DID THE INFIDEL SLIP IN?

The appointment by President Roosevelt of Eugene Ware, of Kansas, as Pension Commissioner, is a matter of interest to all Infidels.

The President must have known of Ware's infidelity, as time and again he has been knocked out of office in Kansas on account of it.

"The Washermen's Song" cost Mr. Ware the nomination for Congress, when a nomination was equivalent to an election. Had he been nominated and elected there is scarcely a doubt that he would have been selected to succeed Senator Plumb, or nominated by the caucus that made Lucian Baker a United States Senator.

Thirteen years ago Mr. Ware was a candidate for the Congressional nomination against "Farmer" E. H. Funston. He had enough delegates to nominate him, but when the convention was held, a large delegation arrived in charge of a preacher named McDermott. The members of this delegation were his friends, and could have nominated him, but the preacher—and that was the preacher's day in Kansas Republican politics—hypothesized them to follow him in the convention.

Shortly before the convention met Mr. Ware heard of the Rev. Mr. McDermott was notified to him, and he immediately went to his room to inquire the reason why.

"You know why, 'Gene,'" said the preacher. "The why of it is that you have writ too much infidel poetry, 'Gene'."

The preacher then called his attention to the theosophical lines in "The Washermen's Song" worked himself into a great rage, and almost drove the general post from his room.

In the convention the Rev. Mr. McDermott threw his influence to Funston, who never had written poetry, or had any inclination to do so, and ironically was left to blame his happy muse for his defeat.

We give below this poem in full:

THE WASHWOMAN'S SONG.
In a humble cot,
In a rather quiet spot,
In the midst and in the soap,
Worked a woman full of hope;
Working, singing and alone
In a sort of under-song:
"With the Savior for a friend,
He will keep me to the end."

Sometimes happening along,
She heard the hymn "song."
"O washwomen, wash and sing,
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In regard to what I heard,
As she sang about her friend
Who would keep her to the end.

Not in sorrow nor in grief,
Working all day long,
As her children, three or four,
Played around her on the floor;
But in monotonous strain,
She was humming all day long:
"With the Savior for a friend,
He will keep me to the end."

It's a song I do not sing,
For I scarce believe a thing
Of the stories which are told
Of the miracles of old;
But I know that her belief
In the mystique of grief,
And will always be a friend
Who will keep her to the end.

Just a trifle homesick she,
Just as poor as poor can be;
But her spirit always true,
Like the bubbles in the clothes,
And though widowed and alone,
Cheerful her with the motion,
Of a Savior and a friend
Who would keep her to the end.

Human hopes and human creeds
Have their root in woman's life;
And I should not wish to strip
From that washwoman's lip
Any song that she can sing,
Any hope that gives her bring;
For the woman has a friend
Who will keep her to the end.

The above poem cannot fail to interest readers of the Blade. But it is of still more interest to washwomen than this appointment. Since Ware's name has been sent to the Senate for confirmation his scepticism has been well aired in the daily press.

Roosevelt must have known it when making the selection, and now the question arises, was it a fine bit of diplomacy or not?

Did he want to placate the Infidels of the country for his lying, malicious attack on Plumb?

He has had hundreds of letters and printed articles fired at him expressing contempt of his unmanly, ungrateful attack on Plumb.

If it hadn't been for Tom Plumb it is very probable there would have been a United States of America for him to represent as President. Plumb had more brains than any man that one hundred years old, he did more for this nation and humanity than Roosevelt would be capable of doing if he lived a thousand years.

Therefore the little, low, vile attack

he made on Plumb is unpardonable unless he comes out openly acknowledging his mistake as he openly published it.

I suspect this appointment of Ware's was made with the object in view to neutralize the indignation of the many thousands whom he has offended by his narrow, malicious attack on Plumb.

Liberals will not notice the wrong. Let him come out like a man of liberal courage and admit his mistake. If he don't, we'll win the support he is fishing for. Until he does this every Liberal in the country should keep this matter alive and fight him to the bitter end.

It is not fit to represent this country and stand in the proud place of President, when he has traduced, maligned and misrepresented the man who made his office possible.

His offense is still more belittling because it was done to curry favor with many who would destroy republicanism in the world if they could. I am sick and disgusted with the swindle of people high in office. What are any of them from the President down but clerks—servants of the people?

There's not a Senator or member of Congress so great and big, but his place may be as easily filled by a common man tramping barefooted, or hammering steel in the grime of factories, and the chances are that they would do it more honestly.

The Barons and Dukes of Europe are half as stuck up and important as many of our Senators and other representatives. We hear much talk of "the government" at Washington. There is no government at Washington. The people are the government. There is only an administration at Washington, whose object is to put God and Christ into the national constitution, still, even that has never gone square into the arena of practical politics.

Long and loud has been our protest against the National Reform Association, whose object is to put God and Christ into the national constitution, still, even that has never gone square into the arena of practical politics.

One of our demands is that church property should be taxed, yet, strange to say, some time ago the promoters of the Liberal University at Silverton, Oregon, sought to have their property exempted from taxation by the Legislature of that state, and so let them be taxed by the State and not by the Federal Government.

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THAT CINCINNATI CONVENTION

(From the "Searchlight.")

Owing to circumstances I could not control this the first opportunity I have to say anything regarding the Liberal convention that was held at Cincinnati, during the month of January, and that resolved itself into a political organization, as the National Liberal Party.

There is probably not a precinct in the United States where the Liberals as a political party could elect a constable, while on the other hand, Christians, were they to organize, could elect many officers, and as between a Christian and a Liberal party, the latter could fill every office from constable up to president.

Therefore I had been hoping until Christianity should go into politics Liberalism would remain intact.

I will probably be told that the Nine Demands of Liberalism are political, which is true, but they do not comprise all that Liberalism stands for, and until we are confronted with a Christian political party it will be only to resolve ourselves into a Liberal political party.

Liberals do things now and then that they condemn others for doing. Long and loud has been our protest against the National Reform Association, whose object is to put God and Christ into the national constitution, still, even that has never gone square into the arena of practical politics.

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not be eligible to the office of secretary or any of the offices comprising the executive board. I do not suppose our editors and publishers will lose any sleep over this discrimination against them, though it must have surprised them to some extent. I do not expect that it would be left for the Liberals, first of all people, to organize a party that would then elect its own officers and publishers. But for the editors and publishers of Prethought literature, out of which few of them, if any, have made any money, there would have been no Liberalism to speak of, and now they are denied equal rights with others in the only Liberal party there is. I think Liberalism owes more to its publishers than it does to its organs. It can accomplish more through the press than it can through organization and at less cost.

Liberals are too individualistic to organize, besides, there is no real need for organization. If we are oppressed or unjustly treated by the Government, organization might be resorted to as a means of redress, but happily we need no such protection. So far as the Government is concerned we are not oppressed, but we are oppressed by some lingering inequalities to which we are subject and which are covered by our own selfishness and intolerance. There are some things we have freedom of thought, free speech and the same right to publish as others. There are some things we have freedom of thought, free speech and the same right to publish as others.

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